

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 237 – SB 593

February 17, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to conduct or have conducted a study of dams in the state that are currently exempt from regulation under the Safe Dams Act of 1973, because they are considered diversion weirs, farm pond barriers, or wastewater impoundment barriers. Authorizes the use of inspections performed within the previous 12 months to be used in lieu of conducting new inspections. Requires a report on the study be filed with the Chairs of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee and the House Conservation and Environment Committee by January 15, 2012.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$50,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- According to TDEC, the Department does not currently have the resources to conduct the required inspections and will procure a contract for the inspection of 430 dams throughout the state.
- Based on information provided by TDEC, the one-time increase to state expenditures for performance of the study is estimated to be \$50,000.
- Any increase to state expenditures associated with reporting the study to committees will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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